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Who Was W.E.B. DuBois?

And Why Did He Have a House in Cantonments?

If you frequent the Cantonments neighborhood, you may have seen signs for the W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Centre for Pan African Culture on First Circular Road. This institution is a reminder of the long relationship between the U.S. and Ghana and an interesting coda to a chapter of American history.

William Edward Burghardt DuBois was born on February 23, 1868 in Massachusetts. He grew up to become one of the most innovative intellectuals of his time, a leader in the early American civil rights movement, and a citizen of Ghana. Young DuBois excelled in academics, eventually graduating from Fisk College and Harvard University. Growing up during the reconstruction period, issues of race relations were of great interest to him and became the focal point of his studies. He believed that race problems resulted from ignorance, and that knowledge and education could remedy those problems. While a fellow at the University of Pennsylvania and on the faculty at Atlanta University, DuBois studied numerous aspects of African American society including morality, urbanization, business, churches, and crime. In these studies, DuBois became one of the first researchers to apply a scientific approach to social issues, techniques that later became known as social science. DuBois's academic interest in race spilled into political activism. In 1909, he was part of the group of civil rights activists who founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). As NAACP's first Director of Publications and Research, he oversaw the production of the association's magazine, *The Crisis*. *The Crisis* became a forum for DuBois's political editorials as well as the literary work of Langston Hughes and other figures of the Harlem Renaissance. Over the years, DuBois's ideology grew apart from that of the integrationist NAACP. DuBois became increasingly involved in communism and the Pan-African movement. Pan-Africanists linked the well-being of Africans to that of Africans in the Diaspora.

It was during a Pan-African conference in 1945 that he first met Kwame Nkrumah. During the 1940s and '50s, DuBois's critiques of the U.S. became increasingly vitriolic, and his alienation from the U.S. grew. In 1961, DuBois and his wife, Shirley Graham DuBois, accepted an invitation from Nkrumah to move to Ghana. They set up house in Cantonments and became naturalized Ghanaian citizens. DuBois passed away in the house in 1963 and was buried within the walls of the Castle in Osu. His wife continued to live in the house until 1966. When Nkrumah was overthrown, she moved to Egypt. In 1985, the DuBois house became a museum under the auspices of the Ghanaian National Commission on Culture, according to Daniel Agbeyebiawo, Assistant Research Officer at the Memorial Centre. The Centre's objective is to serve as a research center for Pan African Culture. In 1986, the remains of DuBois and his wife were exhumed and moved to the grounds of the Centre. Thus, Cantonments became the final resting place of one of the U.S.'s most prominent civil rights leaders. Today the Centre receives almost 3000 visitors per year, most of them foreign tourists. The Centre receives government funding and earns income from its guest house, rental of its open air theater, and admission fees. In addition to providing tours of DuBois's home, the staff conducts outreach programs to Secondary Schools, and organizes an annual program to celebrate DuBois's birthday on February 23. Look for details of this year's birthday program in *Okyeame*.

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8am-12:00pm

If you have news, classified, suggestions, letters, restaurant reviews etc. for the Okiyeame, please write to the Editor, **Mikelle Antoine** at: accraokyeame@yahoo.com Deadline Monday 5pm

Please let us know what you would like to see in the Okiyeame. Your suggestions, criticism and story ideas are most welcome!

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**WANTED:
WRITERS AND
PEOPLE WITH STO-
RIES TO TELL
ABOUT EXPAT LIFE
OR JUST LIFE IN
GHANA OR ANY-
WHERE ELSE!**





TUMBU FLY



You know you shouldn't have traveled to central Africa when you wake up and there are larvae living in your skin!

The Tumbu Fly is one of the significant number of vectors able to give you exotic myiasis, which is the invasion of living tissue or organs by the immature stage (well, maggots, to be correct) of flies. In the Tumbu Fly's case, it's the larva of *Cordylobia anthropophaga* that is responsible. If you're a noder in central or west Africa, I'm sure you've come across it.

Eggs laid on clothing rapidly develop into larvae which penetrate the victim's skin. There they will stay for ca 2 weeks and mature. Undisturbed the larvae will fall to the ground, pupate and develop into a mature fly within days.

Elton John would probably call it "the Circle of Life".

The patient normally presents with multiple large boils to his doctor or nurse, where the diagnosis can be made by the typical black marks on the head of the boil (which actually is the head of the larva).

To remove the larva, suffocate it! Use some olive oil, liquid paraffin or petroleum jelly and wait for the larva to start wriggling in distress. Now, very carefully remove the larva (if you don't get the critter out completely, the inflammatory reaction will be worse than the boil) and do what ever you like with it.

Source: Dion R. Bell: Tropical Medicine, 4th edition, Blackwell Science, 2000
<http://www.cdfound.to.it/html/myiasis.htm>

AROUND TOWN

North American Women's Association (NAWA) promotes friendship among North American women, and between North American & Ghanaian women. NAWA fundraises for charitable organizations that support women and children in Ghana. Meetings are held on the **second Thursday of each month**, between September and May. Join us at **6:45pm** at the **Coconut Regency Hotel**. Look forward to meeting new friends, supporting worthy causes in Ghana and participating in cultural and social activities. The NAWA published book, *No More Worries*, can be found in stores throughout Ghana. Check the www.noworriesghana.com website or go to www.nawaghana.com. Call secretary Carol Pietryk at 0242 108273 (email: icpietryk@yahoo.ca) or president Monica Carr at 0243 680799 for further information. "You are welcome."

Ghana International Women's Club Formed in 1980 with the intention of establishing a strong bond of friendship among 'women of the world', and fostering a better understanding of one another's cultures. Members organize fundraising events and volunteer work. Monthly meetings every 2nd Wed at **Kohinoor Restaurant in Osu** at 9:30 am.

Ghana Bead Society Develop knowledge, appreciation, and interest in beads in Ghana, both from a traditional and contemporary point of view. Monthly meetings at the DuBois Center, East Cantonments; 4:30 pm, first Thursday of each month. Contact Trish Graham at 764-349 or e-mail: trish_graham@hotmail.com.

Alliance Française Provides French classes for children and adults, and hosts numerous cultural events. Located on Liberation Link Road, Airport Residential. Tel: 773-134.

American Chamber of Commerce promotes commercial, economic, educational and cultural ties between the U.S. and Ghana. Their regular luncheon meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at La Palm from 12-2:30. Tel: 247-562, 024-251-605. E-mail: amchamgh@ghana.com; Website: www.amcham_africa.org. Located at Hse #C609/3 5th Crescent St, Asylum Down.

Scottish Country Dancing The Caledonian Society of Ghana: Scottish Country dancing is back. All are welcome to join in at the Grasscutters club, every Tuesday night from 7.30pm. For more information call 0244 069 169 or e mail caledonianghana@yahoo.co.uk
Accragio, a singing group open to expatriates and Ghanaians, is preparing its next program and welcoming all new singers, especially altos and tenors. For more information, please con-

tact Rodger French: deluxevaudeville@earthlink.net or 024-664-9487.

Energize yourself and reduce stress with **Hatha Yoga** at YMCA Mon-Wed-Friday, 5:30 pm - 7 pm. Contact Peace on 024-422-6079 or 775-348 ext. 4277.

The International Players The International Players is a local amateur dramatic group that performs publicly. Anyone interested in amateur theater is invited to participate. For information contact: Trish Graham at 764-349 or e-mail: trish_graham@hotmail.com.

Bunko is up and running here in Accra! Fast paced, easy to learn, no skill required, (**ladies only!**) dice game. We meet monthly at rotating houses. For more info or to sign up, email Kylie at edhrcir@hotmail.com.

Theater Mirrors. A local Ghanaian acting troupe, begun in 1986, whose members perform every Friday night at **Bywel Bar**, located across the street from Sotrec Grocery in Osu. Admission is free. 8 PM. The acting group is also available for private performances. Call 024-678956 for details.

Ghana National Theatre Monthly Symphony Program "Sunday at Five" held the last Sunday of every month **is now at Christ the King Parish Hall due to renovations.** Still at 5 pm, still a bargain at 20,000 cedis, 665-735 or 663-467.

Friends of Bill W. Meet Monday evenings 7-8 pm near the Cathedral in Adabraka. Contact Ludwin 020-2018540 or Lydia 024-611385.

Happy Hour Fridays at 5:30 pm an informal group meets for unwinding at the Labone Coffee Shop. All are welcome.

Hash House Harriers (Accra) The Hash House Harriers has been described as a '*drinking group with a running problem.*' However, non-drinkers and walkers are welcome. The Hash runs every Monday, with a 5:15 pm **sharp** departure. Location varies. Contact acrahhh@yahoo.com for details.

Hash House Harriers (Tema) is composed of Ghanaians and expats in and around the Tema area and welcome families with children. Every Thursday at 5:15 April thru October and 5:00 pm November thru March. Contact Frank Davis, at frank.davis@valcotema.com or call 020-201-1525 for information on directions to starting point.

Duplicate Bridge group meets every Tuesday night at 7:30. Any questions please contact Gerry Gray Thibodeau for information or to arrange a partner, 021-775-414. (evenings)
Pick-up Basketball Tuesday evenings (6-8 pm) at GIS. Everyone is invited to join the fun. For

additional information, please contact Ted Lawrence (tlawrence@usaid.gov) or Rob Clausen (rclausen@usaid.gov). They can also be reached by telephone at 228-440.

Pippa's Health and Fitness Center in Osu runs **Tumble Tots** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-11:45 am for 40,000 cedis a day. Toddlers can run around, play, and climb on the gym's tumble equipment and meet other toddlers in the area. Parents or nannies are welcome. Call 22 44 88 for more info.

Mom/Dad & Tots (3 and under) at British High Commission Grasscutters Return. Wednesdays 9:30-11:15 am.

Taekwondo at Pippa's Health and Fitness Center. Adults and kids are welcome. Learn from National Champion Master Stephen Yeboah. Call for registration: 22 44 88.

Frisky's International Film Buff Club views films Tuesdays 7pm. Call Ian at 0244 363017 or Katya at 024 329679 for directions or to receive a map by email.

Free Meditation each Wed at 6-7pm. Free pranic healing Wed. 10am-6pm. At the GMCKS Pranic Healing Center, 1st floor, Pyramid House, Ring Road central (Next to Alitalia). Website: www.pranichealing.org Phone: 0275089645 Mythili Raja Mohen

International Spouses Association of Ghana (ISAG) Are you a non-Ghanaian married to a Ghanaian? If yes, then come and meet others in a similar relationship. First Wednesday of every month at 5.30pm at Ghana International School film room. It's fellowship with some serious bits! For more information, contact Judd on 024-476-7063 or Nina on 024-477-8229 or email isag@ighmail.com

The Accra Tema Yacht Club (ATYC) is in Ada on the Volta River, 1½ hours from Accra, close to Manet Paradis Hotel. Races of catamarans and sail boats are held monthly. ATYC has 3 Lasers available for daily or hourly rental, a small bar and four chalets where members may stay overnight. **New members are welcome** as are day visitors for which a nominal daily charge is payable. Contact dmcallag@gmail.com -or- Duncan.macnicol@asc-gh.com

African American Association of Ghana (AAAG). General meetings held every third Saturday of the month. 2-4pm at the W.E.B. Dubois Center in Cantonments. For more info call 021-785438 or sankofaaaag@yahoo.com

Fit & Fun Gymnastics Club for children from 2 years and teenagers. Learn the basics of movement improve flexibility, balance and body awareness. Gymnastics helps them learn self discipline, patience and have more self confidence. Call 024 3515889 for info.

Community News and Events

DO YOU KNOW A FASCINATING PERSON?

THE *OKYEAME* IS INTERESTED IN GHANAIANS AND AMERICANS WHO ARE DOING SPECIAL AND INTERESTING THINGS.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE YOU THINK IS TRULY AMAZING, EMAIL MIKELLE AT:
ACCRAOKYEAME@YAHOO.COM.

THANKS!

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SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

French chef from Togo looking for full time work. He cooks European and African dishes and can manage cooking for parties for up to 20 people. Contact Charlotte for more information at 0244-326150 (2)

Pricilla Emefa is **looking for work as receptionist** in a hotel or office or as administrative assistant. She recently graduated with a diploma in Hotel management and office management. Please contact her at 0243 625266 or 0243 737190.(2)

Needed immediately: full time experienced and very responsible driver/ Gardner that is good with pets and children, willing and able to help with house chores as needed and run errands. Call Ms. M. Spence 0244311944 or 773-465.(1)

FOR RENT: Semi detached house/flat for rent. Two bedrooms with one shower/ bathroom newly tiled. Very safe area, close to the Swiss School in Nima. \$800 one year in advance negotiable call: Line 0244 251249. NO agents only serious requests. Available second week in February. (1)

Beach Cottage for RENT @ an affordable PRICE! The Sanctuary is a beautiful two bedroom/ one bathroom beach cottage for rent, located in the sleepy fishing village of Pram-Pram (just 40 minutes away from Accra). **3 Bed/ 2 1/2 Bath Home for RENT or SALE @ an affordable PRICE!** This delightful property has three large bedrooms, two modern bathrooms and a guest toilet. It also benefits from a fully-fitted kitchen with everything including a washer and dryer and a spacious living/ dining open plan room. East Airport w/ 24 hr security,. Call **Titi** on **020 817 4362** for any further questions or to arrange a viewing. (1)



Gigantic Yard Sale

Saturday, January 27, 2007

9:00 AM— 3:00 PM



Where?
Judy Francis'



Across from NAFTI
and
The Goethe Institute
on
#12 Kakramadu Rd.
Cantonments



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MISCELLAENOUS

Looking for a comfortable, safe and clean place, centrally located near West Accra to stay. American female volunteer for a Christian non-profit in West Africa will be here for four months beginning in Feb. 07Willing to pay \$250-\$300/month. Contact baugustin78@yahoo.com (3)

For Sale: DISPOSABLE DIAPERS! 126 Kirkland (Costco) brand size 5 (27 lbs+) for US\$30. 144 Huggies brand size 6 (35 lbs+) for US\$39. Contact tnbabbel@yahoo.com, or 024-210-8043. (3)

Seeking: Elizabeth Gliff has worked for me since August 2005 as a **cleaner and nanny**. I am happy to trust her with sole care of my toddler. She is honest and reliable. I can be contacted on 0243 463031. (3)

Honest housekeeper, Monica Amadu, tel: 0288 262 106, is seeking employment. Has worked for the past three years for the Management Counselor.

For sale, dishwasher soap for automatic machine. Bought at Costco in Canada before going on post, but no dishwasher machine in the house! This is like 2 or 3 years supply! 2 buckets Kirkland Signature Dishwasher Soap (6.80kg each) 1 bottle of Jet Dry (946ml) Selling at cost, 300 000 Cedis for the package Contact Gislain at 0244 329 718 (3)

Had a great vacation in Ghana? Or did you travel in West Africa or another part of the Continent? Share your info with others. Let us know where you went and where you stayed. Email your great vacation to accraokyeame@yahoo.com. Thanks!

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1997 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4. Mileage 102, 000 km. comfort: ac, power steering, powered windows, mirrors and driver seats. High quality stereo. Security: air bag, ABS aspect: looks nice, alloy wheel engine 4.3 L, petrol, V6(265 horsepower). Transmission: Automatic. Price: \$11,900. 0244-352 6005 (3)

1996 Daewoo Nexia saloon car. Automatic, driver airbag, power steering, electric windows. Reliable, durable and good run a round car. No Duty \$4000 OBO. Pease call 020 813-6962 or 0246 584 384 (3)

2002 Dodge Grand Caravan FWD Sport Mini ASKING PRICE \$18,000 CD & Cassette player; Equipment 3.3 Liter V6 12 Valve 180hp@5200rpm, AC 4 Wheel Power Anti-Lock Brakes 5 Passenger Seating Capacity Dual Sliding Side Doors. Wheelbase: 119.3 inches. Power Rack And Pinion Steering. Curb Weight: 4093 lbs. Power Door Locks. Width: 78.6 inches. Power Windows w/Driver Side. Original Factory Price \$24,275 Contact Information 024-4327424 (3)

Bennett Nyator, tel: 024 383 5294, is seeking employment as a **gardener**. Has worked for the past three years for the Management Counselor. References available.

Famous Quote: The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness.

You have to catch it yourself.
-Ben Franklin

1998 Honda Civic 4 door sedan, 61700 miles, manual transmission. Excellent condition. Duty not paid. (Estimated at 15 million cedi) Price Reduced to \$5200. Please call Diane at 0244331244. (3)

For Sale: DSTV box and satellite dish for 2,900,000 cedis. Call Gail at 021-773-465 or 0244311944. (3)

Volvo S40 2003, black leather seats, AC, airbags, power steering, electric windows & doors, alarmed, fully loaded, low mileage, duty paid \$13,0000 Call 020 813-6962 or 0246 584 384 (3)

CAPTAIN HOOK'S RESTAURANT WILL OPEN!!!

The owner of CAPTAIN HOOK'S RESTAURANT, #4 Kakramadu, has let us know that the restaurant will be open to the public starting Jan. 26, hopefully from around 6:30 pm to late.

Wanted: Baby Stuff!

We're looking for baby furniture like a crib, a glider, etc. and other useful baby gear for a new born and for the baby's first year. Let us know if you have anything to sell or will have things to sell soon. Call Katherine 0244.322.524 or Jamie 0242.170.683 or email katherinepasternak@yahoo.com.

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WANTED

HOUSING. Urgent. Diplomats looking for a safe and quite accommodation in Airport Res., Cantonment, East Legon or Osu with a swimming pool. No agent please. Tel: 0242 266 713

Housing Needed: Seeking new house, 3-4 bedroom for rent. Pref in Osu, Labone, Cantonments, gated community or best alternative. Call Mikelle at 0243 019535

HIRING / DRIVER. Urgent. Wish to hire an experienced driver for 1-4 hours / week. Taxi driver OK. Please call 0242 266 713

HIRING / HOUSE MAID. Urgent. Wish to hire a house maid who can cook Chinese, Korean or Japanese food. Please call 0242 266 713

POSITION WANTED / HOUSE MAID. Experienced house maid who can cook is looking for a full time or part time position in a house with a place to stay. Please call Cecile 0242 266 713.

HOUSING NEEDED: I am looking for a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment but would also consider a guest house. I will also house sit. Contact Wade, a Peace Corps volunteer at 0243 525 989.

FOR SALE: Elliptical Trainer. Brand new Schwinn 418 elliptical. Never been used. Still in original box. 110v. \$1000 obo. Contact jbsander@yahoo.com or call 0244-313-523.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

Golf 3 1992 model Black Radio & CD player, manual Tinted windows and sporty looking. Mileage 265 000km Price: 53 million or US \$ equivalent (negotiable) To view call please call 0244 936 783 after 4pm Mon - Thursday, Friday after 2pm and weekend anytime during the day.

Leaving?

Can't take that wonderful dog with you but you want it to go to a good home? I am looking for one nice adult dog whose bark is worse than its bite. One who is good with children but fiercely protective of it's environment. Prefer Alsatian but would consider other breeds as well. Please contact Laurie 0277-549905 (2)

FOR RENT: Fully furnished room available for short term rent located in Asylum Down. \$70 per week (negotiable) Includes: A/C and Wi Fi internet access. Ideal for voluntary workers new to Ghana. Contact: Duncan Williams 0244 333 529.

Christian Churches and Service Times:

Elim International Family Church, meets 10 a.m. on Sunday in the Kama Conference Center off Ring Road East. Contemporary worship, Sunday School, youth program, men's and women's Bible study groups.

Roman Ridge Baptist Church, meets at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Papal Annuncio, Catholic mass at 9 a.m. on Sunday in Airport Residential. No late-comers admitted.

Wesley House has a service on Sunday mornings but I don't know at what time.

Redeemed Christian Church of God An International Pentecostal church and we meet on Sundays at 9 AM and on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Want a sneak peak at this week's Garage Sale?

Check out:

www.hrncir.net

for items from a family moving from Accra with too much stuff. Listings updated weekly.